

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, and of the way in which standards of professional journalism have eroded.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest and to present news, not advertising. Advertising masquerading as news is one of the gravest dangers to our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.